

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1893.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany a proposed amendment to H. R. 10258.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the following amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Mitchell to the bill (H. R. 10258) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, and for prior years, and for other purposes, viz: Insert the following: In line 17, page 904, volume 26, United Statutes at Large, strike out the name 'Milligan' and insert the name "Mulligan." In line 7, on page 908, of the last paragraph of said act, after the words "next of kin" insert the words "or widow, where it appears to the court there were no other relatives," having had the same under consideration, beg to submit the following report:

This amendment proposes, first, the correction of a clerical error in the name of the administrator of George Wattles, deceased, in the matter of the payment of the award in the case of the schooner *Fred-erick* and cargo, John G. Clark, master, as authorized in the act approved March 3, 1891, entitled "An act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for prior years, and for other purposes," page 904, volume 26, United States Statutes at Large.

It appears that the name "Milligan," administrator of George Wattles, deceased, should have read "Mulligan," as is fully set forth in the following letter from the clerk of the Court of Claims:

[French Spoliation.—In the Court of Claims. William Mulligan, administrator, etc., of the estate of George Wattles, deceased, against The United States. No. 1397.]

SCHOONER FREDERICK AND CARGO, JOHN G. CLARK, MASTER.

It appearing from the record files in this court in the above cause, viz: By the duly certified copy of the letters of administration from the surrogates court of the city and county of New York, bearing date the 11th day of February, 1886; that William Mulligan was the duly appointed administrator of George Wattles, the original claimant above-named, also by the duly verified petitions of said claimant in the above cause; it is hereby certified that wherever the name "William Milligan" occurs in the title, findings, or other papers in said cause, it was a clerical error or mistake and should have read "William Mulligan," as he was the administrator of said George Wattles.

[SEAL.]

ARCHIBALD HOPKINS,
Chief Clerk.

It further appears from papers in the claim that in order that the beneficiary of the estate of George Wattles, deceased, may receive the award in this case, it will be necessary for the Court of Claims to ascertain whether the personal representative represents the next of

kin, and in the event the court shall find there are no next of kin, and that there is a widow, to certify this fact to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Your committee therefore propose as a substitute for the amendment introduced in the Senate, the following, with the recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for insertion in the deficiency bill:

Insert after line —, on page —, the following:

That the clause reading as follows: "‘William Milligan, administrator of George Wattles, deceased, twenty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars’ in the act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for prior years and for other purposes," passed March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, (page nine hundred and four of volume twenty-six, United States Statutes at Large), be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"William Mulligan, administrator of George Wattles, deceased, twenty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars; and the award in this case shall not be paid until the Court of Claims shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury that the personal representative on whose behalf the award is made represents the next of kin, or in the event the court shall find there are no next of kin and that there is a widow, then that such widow is so represented."

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